

## Waste Tire Working Group

### Meeting Notes

June 25, 2014

#### **Call to Order:**

The meeting of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Waste Tire Working Group (KY WTWG) was called to order by presiding Chairman Tim Hubbard. The meeting was held in Frankfort, KY at 300 Fair Oaks Lane on June 25, 2014.

#### **Members in Attendance:**

Joe Durkin, Keith Brock, Donna Fechter, Judge Townsend, Gary Logsdon, Tim Hubbard. Mayor Voiers and Harland Hatter were absent, however, quorum present meeting continued.

- Minutes from previous meeting distributed. Motion to approve minutes from last meeting by Gary Logsdon and seconded by Judge Townsend. Motion passed as approved.

#### **New Business:**

- Welcome
- Construction in parking area
- Waste Tire Fund:
  - Good news; the fund has been reauthorized. It was included in biannual budget and was extended for 2 years to 2016.
- State budget shortfall:
  - Across state government Cabinets are trying to fill gap. Nothing finalized. Restricted funds and general funds are being looked at to make up the shortfall. Hopefully, this will not affect our ongoing work. It should not have any impact on the Waste Tire Program or Pride.
- Recognition of Keith Brock:
  - WTWG term expires in August. He has been part of the work group since its inception and participated in committee work with SWACK prior to the WTWG. He has no plans to be reappointed. He wants to hear new ideas and new faces. Unofficially recommended Ricky Solomon for replacement since he is now a SWACK member. He would still like to attend meetings as resource.
- Presentation by Gary Logsdon:
  - A snapshot on Recycling and Local Assistance programs was presented. Data was pulled from late 1990's on Waste Tire Collection Events, formerly known as Waste Tire Amnesties. There is a general trend overall showing a decrease in volume of tires collected. Several factors have an effect. 3<sup>rd</sup> round indicates there was more education and outreach to counties with an upward trend. In 2010 the Events were switched from 4 year cycles to 3 year cycles because expenditures were lower than expected. With extra money events were moved closer together. 2011 instituted mini grant or \$3000 grant each year designated to collect stray tires between collection events. The mini grant is a good program. Therefore, smaller numbers are being seen at collection events. There seems to be better enforcement in the ban on retailers and scrap dealers to bring tires in to collection events. There appear to be fewer stray

tires in the environment. The 5<sup>th</sup> round is going on now in each county. There have been significant problems with several tire processors across the state where they have accumulated more than they are able to process or for what they are bonded. Up note is collection events and grants are still keeping the tire problem at bay. The program is slowly going in the right direction.

Market development, which is part of RLA program, does not receive as much time or money but it is important. It helps develop markets for the tires that have been processed. Some end uses are tire derived fuel (TDF); TDF has big market in Kentucky. Crumb rubber grant is very popular and we pay for transport of crumb rubber. Main use is playground material used by schools, parks, government, and churches. It is an extremely popular and high profile grant and most competitive. Data is not available to know if market is growing for crumb rubber. Another use is rubberized asphalt, most recently used in KY 8, still in the infancy stages.

- Discussion about possible study of waste tire collection year by year and comparison.
  - Discussion about \$1 fee and retailers seeing a decrease in new tires being sold.
  - Discussion about enforcement and higher bonds for financial assurance for tire processors.
  - Discussion of amount of minimum bond which is \$10,000. Average cost of cleanup is much higher than bond. Local zoning boards could possibly establish ordinance and site offenders.
- Tasks/Issues Remaining to be Addressed:

Distributed and reviewed KRS 224.50-855 and KRS 224.50-856. Discussed tasks that have been addressed and the need to still address and improve the Waste Tire Manifest System and the need for regulatory requirements of Used Tire Dealers.
  - Presentation by JR Holt:

An overview of the current Waste Tire Manifest System was presented. Discussed reporting tires that have gone out of state and how there is less concern of tires that have gone out of state as tires in state. There is a lack of personnel to enforce. KRS 224.50-874 language should be developed to review and possibly change so that tracking can be more enforceable.
  - Presentation by Donna Fechter:

“Thoughts for Improving the Waste Tire Program”.

    - Discussion about establishing a committee within WTWG to study regulations for waste tires.
    - Discussion about need for educational blitz for public from DWM.
  - Motion that a committee be established to study manifests, regulations for used tires and auto salvage recyclers. Motion by Joe Durkin and seconded by Donna Fechter. Motion passed as approved. Volunteers for committee are Donna Fechter, Louanna Aldridge, Gary Logsdon, JR Holt, and George Gilbert.
  - Date of next meeting tentatively set for mid August.
  - Motion to adjourn by Donna Fechter and seconded by Keith Brock. Motion passed as approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.